What is claimed is:

1. Electronic book comprising:

a housing;

an electronic touch screen display supported on the housing;

one or more stylus holders on the housing for holding an elongated rigid stylus;

a digital processor in the housing;

a keyboard cord receptacle for receiving a connector of a cord of a keyboard, whereby the keyboard may be selectively engaged and disengaged with the housing as desired to enable a person to enter signals to the digital processor;

a tangible computer-reader storage medium in the housing and accessible to the processor, electronic book files being stored on the medium for presentation of text represented by the files on the display in a native format under control of the processor;

the processor selectively presenting on the display a list of titles stored on the medium, command input elements to support communication with other electronic books, and an image of a keyboard for providing input to the processor using the display; and

the processor accessing a first electronic book file on the medium in a format other than the native format, and automatically, without requiring user intervention, when the first electronic book file is selected by a user, reformatting the first electronic book file into the native format and then displaying the first electronic book file.

2. The electronic book of claim 1, wherein the housing is foldable to mimic opening and closing a paper book.

3. The electronic book of claim 1, wherein the stylus is held vertically on the housing with respect to a top edge and bottom edge of the housing.

4. The electronic book of claim 1, comprising at least one wireless transceiver supported by the housing and controllable by the processor.

5. The electronic book of claim 4, wherein the transceiver is a WiFi transceiver or ultra wideband (UWB) transceiver or wireless telephony transceiver.

6. The electronic book of claim 4, wherein the transceiver is a Bluetooth transceiver.

7. The electronic book of claim 4, wherein using the transceiver the electronic book transmits at least one electronic book file to another electronic book using peer-to-peer (P2P) transmission principles without going through a network.

8. The electronic book of claim 4, wherein using the transceiver the electronic book transmits at least one electronic book file to another electronic book through a broadband network using broadcast transmission principles.

9. The electronic book of claim 4, wherein the processor presents on the display a list of transmission protocols to use for selection of a protocol by a person for file transmission.

10. The electronic book of claim 4, wherein the processor presents on the display a mailing list of recipient device Internet addresses selectable by a person to cause an electronic book file to be transferred to selected recipient devices.

11. The electronic book of claim 1, wherein a person can use the stylus to highlight text that is present on the display.

12. The electronic book of claim 1, wherein a person can use the stylus to enter handwritten notes in margins of text presented on the display, the processor executing a handwriting recognition module stored on the medium to generate and store electronic alpha-numeric characters representative of the handwriting in relevant portions of the electronic book file.

13. The electronic book of claim 1, wherein the processor presents on the display handedness selectors which can be selected by a person to indicate "left handed" or "right handed" display preferences.

14. The electronic book of claim 1, wherein the processor presents on the display a negative selector element which, if selected, causes the processor to color text white and to display the text on a black background.

15. The electronic book of claim 1, wherein the processor presents on the display size selector elements for causing text and/or graphics that are part of an electronic book file to be enlarged and reduced.

16. Electronic book comprising:

a housing;

an electronic touch screen display supported on the housing;

a digital processor in the housing; and

a tangible computer-reader storage medium in the housing and accessible to the processor, electronic book files being stored on the medium for presentation of text represented by the files on the display in a native format under control of the processor;

the processor accessing a first electronic book file on the medium in a format other than the native format, and automatically, without requiring user intervention, when the first electronic book file is selected by a user, reformatting the first electronic book file into the native format and then displaying the first electronic book file.

17. The electronic book of claim 16, comprising at least one wireless transceiver supported by the housing and controllable by the processor.

18. The electronic book of claim 17, wherein using the transceiver the electronic book transmits at least one electronic book file to another electronic book using peer-to-peer (P2P) transmission principles without going through a network.

19. The electronic book of claim 17, wherein using the transceiver the electronic book transmits at least one electronic book file to another electronic book through a broadband network using broadcast transmission principles.

20. Electronic book comprising:

a housing;

an electronic touch screen display supported on the housing;

a digital processor in the housing; and

a tangible computer-reader storage medium in the housing and accessible to the processor, electronic book files being stored on the medium for presentation of text represented by the files on the display in a native format under control of the processor;

at least one wireless transceiver supported by the housing and controllable by the processor to transmit at least one electronic book file on the medium to another electronic book, wherein the processor presents on the display a list of transmission protocols to use for selection of a protocol by a person for file transmission.

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